Developing Mohali as IT Hub

2530. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Punjab Government has decided to invest Rs. 200 crores for the infrastructural growth and development of Mohali in Punjab to make it Information Technology hub; and

(b) if so, what sort of help Central Government propose to provide to Punjab in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided, Punjab Government intends to develop Mohali as an IT hub. The proposed investment of Rs. 200 crores announced by the Chief Minister is aimed at upgradation of infrastructure at Mohali for industry in general and IT, Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES), Electronics & Communication, Bio-tech and other Hi-tech industry in particular.

(b) Central Government has not so far announced any financial help in this regard.

IT Employees losing their Jobs

2531. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gartner Consultancy has surveyed about the IT services in India and China, recently;

(b) if so, whether they have released any report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to outsourcing the employees of IT were losing their jobs; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS